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Bresler Explores Various Options With City on Parcel 15 Development

by Bill Rowland

Charles Bresler, a major landowner, developer, and on occasion center of controversy in Greenbelt over the past 20 years or more, spent two hours with city council on February 23, discussing ways in which the "Lakeside West Subdivision" (Parcel 15) could be developed. Declaring that the land is now ripe for use, Bresler sought to learn what council might accept, and what it might ask in the way of trade-offs or concessions.

A wide array of possibilities was tossed around, ranging from single-family houses on through townhouses and office buildings to a highrise apartment or elderly-housing structure. Bresler suggested he might be better able to meet some of the council's concerns, such as adverse impact on Attick Park and Greenbelt lake, if he was allowed increased development density on Parcels 1 and 2.

Bresler, along with other owners, developed major portions of Greenbelt during the '60s — Boxwood, Lakecrest Homes, Charlestowne Village, Charlestowne

North, Greenbelt Plaza Apartments, and Greenbelt Convalescent Center.

Parcel 15

Parcel 15 is a 29-acre vacant tract south of the lake and west of the Charlestowne North apartment high-rise and Charlestowne Village condominiums. It is bordered on the west by the Beltway, and its southern end touches Greenbelt Road next to the American Legion. Bresler and one set of partners own the northern 19 acres, and Bresler and a second set of partners the southern 10 acres.

According to Bresler, he has development rights on both sub-parcels given to him by the two partnerships. Any development of the land for use other than single-family detached housing would require rezoning action, according to city Administrative Assistant Michael McLaughlin.

Bresler told council that he and the partners who own the northern 19 acres of Parcel 15 also own Parcels 1 and 2. The latter land, totalling 112 acres, lies along the northeastern edge of the city between Greenbelt Homes, Inc., and the Baltimore-Washington Parkway. The land currently bears a "Rural-Residential" zoning label, and earlier efforts

by Bresler to get more concentrated rezoning are in a form of limbo. Bresler believes the mortgage market will improve sufficiently by late 1983 or early 1984 to let him start work on Parcels 1 and 2, assuming he gets the necessary rezoning.

The meeting attended by Bresler was a council work session, intended to help council members decide what uses of Parcel 15 might be the most acceptable — or, perhaps, the least unacceptable — for the city. The city's Advisory Planning Board (APB) had been reviewing several development possibilities since last fall with Bresler's representatives, and had asked council for policy guidance before it went further. Mayor pro tem Richard Pilski and Councilman Thomas White were unable to attend. Representatives of APB, the Charlestowne Village Homeowners Association Board of Directors, and the Lakeside Citizens Association Board of Directors were present and took part in the discussion.

Impact on Lake

Because of Parcel 15's location and dimensions, any development there may have what are viewed by city and community representatives as a negative impact on the lake. See PARCEL 15, page 4, col. 2

COURT PARENT PROGRAM RETURNS TO GREENBELT

Green hands will begin going up in Greenbelt windows this week as the Greenbelt Court Parent program is revitalized.

About 40 individuals in the center of Greenbelt have volunteered to serve as court parents. When these court parents are available to help children they will display the green helping hand sign in their windows. Children may need help because they have had an accident, become lost, or are being bothered by a stranger.

Children at Greenbelt Center and St. Hugh's School were told about the court parent program the week of March 14. Children were told that the court parent can help them by contacting their parents or, if necessary, the police.

The Greenbelt Center School PTA, which is sponsoring the program, feels that more court parents are needed. Volunteers are asked to call Center School (474-7111) for an application. More than one court parent is needed in each court so that it is more likely that at least one court parent is available at all times.

Advisory Board Changes

At its regular meeting on February 22, the city council made appointments to vacancies on its advisory boards as follows: Lola Skolnik and Ernest Varda to the Park and Recreation Advisory Board; Konrad Herling and Suzanne Plogman to the Community Relations Advisory Board; Gary Kohn, George Stover and Dorothy Pyles to the Greenbelt Crime Prevention Committee. Robert Spear's appointment to the Board of Elections was announced at the same time.

City to Hold Information Meeting on Gypsy Moths

The gypsy moths which caused extensive tree damage in the New York and New England area last year are expected to reach the Greenbelt area this spring and summer.

While the city's parks crew will be on the watch for signs of gypsy moth damage to begin spraying activities, the assistance of Greenbelt residents is also extremely important.

So that residents are knowledgeable of the potential damage gypsy moths can inflict on trees and what to look for to identify gypsy moth activity, a public information meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, April 5, at 7:30 p.m. in City Council chambers. Dennis Doornekamp, the city's Parks Superintendent, and Kevin Brown, Landscape Technician of the University of Maryland, will present a slide show, specimens and information on the gypsy moth, the damage it has inflicted so far and steps to combat the gypsy moth.

Everyone is encouraged to attend. Anyone with questions can call the city's Public Works office at 474-8004 or the County Extension Agent at 952-3312.

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Audition

Auditions for the comedy Twigs will be held Saturday and Sunday, March 26 and 27 from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Utopia Theater. Men and women ranging in age from mid-thirties to elderly are needed. For further information call director Betty Xander, at 345-7357.

Distribution of Free Cheese and Butter

Packages of processed American cheese and butter will be distributed free of charge to eligible persons at the Greenbelt Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road, on Wednesday and Thursday, March 23 and 24, from noon to 6 p.m.

Persons are eligible for this food if they can show proof—a card or letter—that they receive Medicare, Medicaid, food stamps, veterans' benefits, Supplemental Social Security or if they receive unemployment compensation and can show proof they live in Prince Georges County. Residents of Green Ridge House are not eligible as they will receive their cheese and butter at Green Ridge House.

This food is available as part of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's surplus food program and is being coordinated by the United Communities Against Poverty, Inc. (U.C.A.P.).

Anyone interested in volunteering to help with the distribution or needing additional information should call the City Offices at 474-8052.

Action to Block BARC Sale Of 260 Acres Picks Up Speed

by Elaine Skolnik

The move to block the sale of 260 acres of Beltsville Agricultural Research Center land is gaining momentum. At the request of Senators Charles McC. Mathias, Jr. (R-Md.) and Paul Sarbanes (D-Md.), the Governmental Affairs sub-committee on Post Office, Civil Service and General Services will ask the General Services Administration to hold up the sale of the land so that a hearing on a bill opposing the action can be held.

Earl E. Jones, GSA's director of real property, said if a hold is requested, "we will be courteous and entertain it—what our ultimate position will be I don't know." Jones said that GSA was "cognizant and aware of proposed resolutions" by Senators Mathias and Sarbanes and by Congressman Steny Hoyer (D-Md.).

The Mathias-Sarbanes bill 423 would block the sale, lease or conveyance of the 260 acres. The 247-acre wooded parcel is in the northern part of BARC, west of the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and south of Odell and Springfield Roads. The 13-acre parcel is north of the National Agricultural Library on Route 1.

Hoyer has drafted similar legislation and is pressing for a hold on the sale. His bill to prevent the sale also includes a further 5.6 acres adjacent to the Sunnyside neighborhood park (along Rhode Island Avenue just outside the Beltway).

As a back-up Hoyer expects to co-sponsor House Bill 89 introduced by Congressman Claudine Schneider (R-R.I.) This bill provides that any federal land suitable for conservation or recreation purposes or of historic value must be offered to state and local units of government at the cost of transfer. The states would make the decision if the land is suitable.

Passage of this bill would apparently change the present procedure under the Reagan administration mandating that all interested agencies must bid for available land at a fair market value, subject to negotiation. (The Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission has expressed interest in acquiring the 260-acre BARC property.)

In the meantime County Executive Parris Glendening and County Councilman Chairman Frank Casula have appealed to Congressman Roth, Jr., chairman of the Governmental Affairs Committee, to urge that public hearings be held on the matter and to report out the Mathias-Sarbanes bill with a favorable recommendation to the full Senate.

On the state level, the Maryland Senate passed a bill introduced by State Senators Leo Green, Arthur Dorman and Thomas Yeager to prevent the sale of the 247-acre BARC parcel. The matter is now before the House.

More to Come?

Both the disposal of the BARC acreage and the creation of a GSA study team to evaluate the entire 7,500 acre center are being accomplished by the Reagan administration in the hope that the sale proceeds would help reduce the federal deficit.

In his March 7 letter to Mayor Gil Weidenfeld, Senator Sarbanes noted, "... GSA does not have either the responsibility or authority for determining whether the research center itself should be relocated. This study team is merely functioning as an outside consultant to assess whether the land and facilities at Beltsville are being utilized in accordance with government-wide standards for cost-per-acre of land and per-square foot of office space. The crucial decisions about retaining the facility will be made by the Secretary of Agriculture, whom I have already been in contact with on this issue. ..."

The GSA team will begin its study on April 19.

Democratic Club

On Monday, March 21, the Eleanor and Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club will join with other area Democratic clubs in sponsoring a legislative reception in Annapolis. The reception is an annual event to acquaint constituents with their State Senator Leo Green and delegates Jerry Devlin, Joan Pitkin and Buzz Ryan within a legislative and social setting. The event will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the second floor reception room of the James Senate Office Building with a buffet dinner. For further information on tickets, contact Democratic Club president J Davis, 345-3243, Micki Weidenfeld, 345-2327 or John Brunner, 474-7918.

CITY ON CABLE TV

Channel 10, a government access channel, is now operating. Messages relating to city events and organizations will be broadcast daily.

CFG Annual Meeting

The Citizens for Greenbelt will hold its annual meeting on Tues., March 22 at 7:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers. The business meeting will be held from 7:30 to 8:30 with election of officers. Afterwards State Senator Leo Green, Delegate Joan Pitkin and a speaker from the League of Women Voters will talk about current Maryland legislation.

All members and the public are invited. Refreshments will be served.

What Goes On

Tues., March 22, 7:30 p.m. Citizens For Greenbelt Annual Meeting, Municipal Building

Wed., March 23, 9:30 p.m. City Council Special Meeting.

Thurs., March 24, 8 p.m. GHI Board Meeting, Hamilton Pl.

OFFICIAL NOTICE

The Regular City Council Meeting

of

MONDAY, MARCH 21, 1983

HAS BEEN CANCELLED.

Gudrun H. Mills, CMC
City Clerk



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Thanks

To the Editor:

Sincere thanks to the person who put my checkbook, credit card and ID's in my mailbox last week just a few hours after I lost them. God-bless you.

Lois Gorman

Add to Your Directory . . .

To the Editor:

What a nice little telephone directory we received last week. You know, the one with the space shuttle on the cover. We even noticed the little disclaimer on page 3, that limits the publisher's liability for their errors.

As most of you did, we began looking up names and places. When we got to Places of Worship, to our horror, our church, Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church, was missing.

Please make an additional listing in your copy of that nice little directory of our nice little church—474-9410.

There were other Methodist Churches listed, but none that are actually in Greenbelt.

We hope, even pray, we are not so small that we can be overlooked so easily.

Ralph L. Barnes
Lay Leader
Mowatt Memorial United
Methodist Church

Open Letter

Mr. George Smith
City of Greenbelt
Director of Public Works
Dear George:

Our office has received several inquiries from individuals interested in knowing when Greenbelt Lake will be opened to fishing. As you know, we have been monitoring the fish in the lake since we drained and restocked the lake two years ago. During our fish sampling in the lake last fall, we thought that it might be possible to open the lake this year (1983), but that we would make further checks in the early spring of '83 to make sure.

Upon completion of our latest sampling which was conducted on March 8, 1983, we have determined that the majority of the largemouth bass (micropterus salmoides) appear to be between 8 and 9 inches in length.

After a discussion with the Department of Natural Resources Police who have responsibility for patrolling the lake for violations, we thought there may be a problem with youngsters taking fish home that were under the legal size (12 inches).

Therefore, our recommendation is that the lake not be opened for fishing until September 1, 1983.

James E. Van Tassel
Warmwater Fisheries Manager

Anna Stepura

Anna Stepura, 92, died February 23 at Washington Adventist Hospital in Takoma Park after a short illness. Graveside services were held at Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Maspeth, New York.

Mrs. Stepura was born in the Ukraine Republic and came to this country at the age of 19. She moved to Greenbelt from New York and lived on Parkway Rd. for many years before going to the Manor-Care Nursing Home in Adelphi. She was a member of St. Hugh's Catholic Church and the Greenbelt Golden Age Club. Surviving are two sons, August and Stanley Stepura and five grandchildren.

Retired Missionary Speaks At Methodist Church Sun.

Gladys Oberlin, retired missionary, will speak at the Lenten service at Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church, 40 Ridge Road, on Sunday, March 20, at 7 p.m.

Oberlin, a native of Silver Spring and a graduate of Maryland University, was a missionary in Brazil for over 35 years. Her ministry was a combination of nutrition education, public health, adult and child education, and preaching of the Word.

There will be a pot-luck dinner at 6 p.m. in the fellowship hall, with the program following at 7 p.m. in the sanctuary. Oberlin will show slides of her work as she traveled around Brazil in Capela Ambulance (Mobile Chapel) which was a Rural Willys equipped for audio-visual presentations. Everyone is invited.

Washington's Birthday Marathon Results

The Greenbelt Running Club helped organize the 22nd running of the Washington's Day Marathon on February 20 principally on the roads of the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center. There was much anxiety on the part of the runners and organizers between the big snowstorm on Feb. 11 and the race on Feb. 20. Runners came from upper New York state, New Hampshire and other areas which had even more snow.

As a result of bad weather for training and doubt about conditions, a fewer number of runners finished than in most recent years. Although 281 preregistered, 75 did not show, 216 started, 44 dropped out and only 172 finished — 159 men and 13 women. Fifty-five met the standard for running in the Boston marathon.

Tim Tays, 23, Arlington, VA, running his first marathon won in 2:26:22, about average time in probably the best weather this race has ever had. Tim Cook, 29, of Chambersburg, PA, was second in 2:29:17. The first woman was Danute Bankaitis of Chapel Hill, NC, who came in 51st place in 3:03:10, about two minutes over the record. Several Greenbelters ran but only Dick Good, who finished 131st in 3:40:28, completed the marathon.

A number of organizations cooperated to put on this marathon — Goddard Running and Orienteering Club, DC Road Runners Club, Greenbelt Running Club, Greenbelt JAYCEES, Greenbelt Recreation Department and Boy Scout Troop 1002. Each mile is now marked going clockwise from Soil Conservation Road and Beaver Dam intersection down Beaver Dam to Springfield, to Powder Mill then to Beaver Dam. Results are posted at the Greenbelt Recreation Center.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH Episcopal

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8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist
10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist
First and third Sundays
10:30 a.m. Morning Prayer
Second and fourth Sundays
Rev. John G. Bals, Rector
422-8057

OFFICIAL NOTICE

A SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL
HAS BEEN SCHEDULED FOR

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23, 1983 at 9:30 p.m.
IN THE CITY COUNCIL ROOM, MUNICIPAL BUILDING, TO CONSIDER A NUMBER OF ITEMS RELATED TO THE PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT (An Ordinance to appropriate \$7,754 in the Replacement Fund to provide for the purchase of a Three-Quarter-Ton Van;
To Authorize the Purchase of a Three-Quarter-Ton Van;
A Resolution to Authorize the Negotiated Purchase of a Drott Four-in-One Bucket for Case Front End Loader at a cost of \$7,395;
To Authorize the Purchase of a Ford Ranger Pick-Up Truck at a Cost of \$7,025 under Prince George's County Bid); and
TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH US HOMES TO WAIVE CONSTRUCTION REQUIREMENTS FOR A PORTION OF ORA GLEN DRIVE.

Gudrun H. Mills, CMC
City Clerk

SAT CLASSES FORMING

Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) preparation classes will be offered in April and May to interested students by the Adult Continuing Education Program of the Prince Georges County Public Schools. The registration deadline is Thursday, April 7.

SAT preparation classes will be held twice a week for five consecutive weeks at all 20 public high schools in the county. Verbal and math skills will be reviewed throughout the course.

Public school students may register in their guidance counselors' offices. Other students may mail their registration, no later than April 7, to: Adult Education - Special Offerings, Greenbelt Middle School, 6366 Greenbelt Road, Greenbelt, Maryland 20770.

For fee information and individual school schedules contact the Adult Continuing Education Office of the Prince Georges County Public Schools at 952-5462.

SPAGHETTI DINNER

The Mishkan Torah Men's Club will have its annual Spaghetti Dinner on Sunday, March 20, from 4 to 6 p.m. at the synagogue on Ridge and Westway Roads (see ad). For further information call 474-4223.

BAHA'I FAITH

invites you to listen to the Jeff Reynolds Show on radio station WLMD 90.0 AM every Sunday morning from 8 until 8:30.

Greenbelt Baha'i Community
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345-2918 / 474-4090

Mowatt Memorial

United Methodist Church
40 Ridge Rd. 474-9410
Sunday School 9:30 A.M.
(for all ages)
Morning Worship 11:00 A.M.
Rev. Ira C. Keperling, Pastor
474-1924

Paint Branch Unitarian Church

3215 Powder Mill Road
(near Cherry Hill Road)
No Forum

10:45 a.m. Service: "Knock, Knock, Who's There?" by Fairfax Worship Services Committee
Rev. R. W. Kelley 937-3666

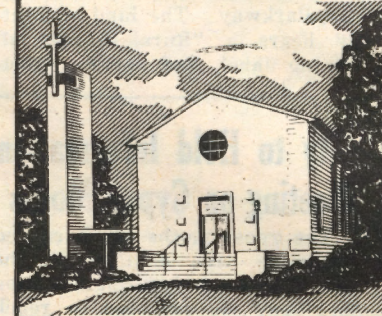
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Midweek Prayer Service (Wed.) 8:00 p.m.

Greenbelt Community Church



(United Church of Christ)
Hillside and Crescent Roads
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Church School for All Ages -
11 a.m. - Sunday Morning Worship and Church School

Infant Care Provided at Fellowship Center behind Church
Rev. Sherry Taylor and Rev. Harry Taylor co-pastors

ST. HUGH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

Rev. David Conway, Pastor
Rev. Francis G. Kazista, Associate Pastor

MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday 6 p.m.
Sunday 8, 9:30, 11 a.m., 12:30 p.m.

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Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 4-5 p.m.

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"Murder" at the Utopia

by Germaine Timmermans

A Murder Has Been Arranged, a mystery by Emlyn Williams, opened last weekend at the Utopia Theater. The plot turns on the inheritance of 2 million pounds by Sir Charles Jasper, author of *The Occult Through the Ages*, on his fortieth birthday. For the occasion, he has arranged a party on the stage of the Utopia Theater in London and the guests have been requested to wear costumes of famous ghosts.

On the same evening, it is also expected that an old prophecy will be fulfilled: the ghost of a man murdered in the theater will appear following the presence of a deaf woman. The anxiety and fear which grip the guests are intensified by the appearance of two uninvited guests: Jimmy North, an admirer of Sir Charles' wife, and Maurice Mullins, who stands second in line to inherit the sizable fortune. As the play progresses, it becomes apparent that the crafty Maurice has arranged the perfect murder. But cool planning and actual practice are often at variance as the final act so cleverly demonstrates.

The Greenbelt Players, under the direction of Cliff Smith, give this play a creditable performance. Loren Ziller is well-cast as the scholar of the occult. Sharonne Albicker, as his wife Beatrice, convincingly portrays the fright and tension of the occasion. The play is not without its lighter moments, however, and Caroline Reese as Mrs. Wragg (the cook), Jeff Beyrent as Jimmy North, and Eileen Ruefly as Mrs. Arthur (the meddling mother-in-law of Sir Charles) do their part to maintain the humor. Caroline Reese does a particularly good job with Mrs. Wragg's Cockney accent, but could speak just a little more slowly for better comprehension. Melanie Fish-kind's portrayal of Miss Groze, Sir Charles' secretary, demonstrates well how deceiving first impressions can be. Robert Rotenberry, as Maurice Mullins, has a particularly striking stage presence and his haughty appearance at the end of act one arouses the audience's curiosity.

The simple and tasteful set and colorful costumes lend the play eye-appeal and the music of Joplin and Chopin add elegance, whereas the ominous music in the poisoning scene heightens the suspense. *A Murder Has Been Arranged* is well worth attending and a good choice for the debut of the new curtain at the Utopia Theater. It can be seen again on Friday and Saturday, March 18-26 at 8:15 p.m. and on Sunday, March 20 at 2:30 p.m.

Seton High Reunion

Attention 1973 graduates of Elizabeth Seton High School in Bladensburg! The school's alumni association is looking for 1973 graduates to invite them to a tenth anniversary reunion to be held in May. Anyone who is a '73 graduate or knows someone who is should please contact the school at 864-4532 and give the graduate's current address. They will be sent more information on the reunion which will include a dinner and dance.

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Police Blotter

Compiled by Mavis Fletcher

A man armed with a knife robbed the Springhill Lake Pharmacy at about 9:30 p.m. on Mar. 11. Cash was stolen.

Two cases of malicious destruction to autos occurred this weekend. The occurrences were on Cherrywood Terrace and Breeze-wood Court.

Sgt. Thomas M. Ceccarelli has submitted his resignation from the Greenbelt police department to accept a position as a Special Agent with the FBI. Police Chief William T. Lane has accepted the resignation with regret.

A woman walking on the bike path on Crescent Road reported that she was assaulted on February 22 between 9:30 and 10:30 p.m. The man was armed with a large stick and broke her nose in the assault. She was robbed of her purse.

Chief Lane commended the following officers for their efforts and excellent teamwork which resulted in the arrest of the two suspects who had broken into the Co-op Supermarket recently: Cpl. Daniel P. O'Neil, Cpl. Edward D. Blake, Pfc. David R. Kress, Officer Timothy F. Hahn, Officer Gregory E. Lynn and Officer Alan J. Riskin.

Officer Gregory E. Lynn arrested a female juvenile and charged her with possession of marijuana. Sgt. James R. Craze, after stopping a car for a traffic violation, charged the operator with driving while under the influence of drugs.

Cash was reported stolen from a residence in the 1 court of Laurel Hill. No evidence of forced entry was found.

GHI BOARD MEETING PRELIMINARY AGENDA

March 24, 1983
8:00 p.m.

GHDC MEETING GHI MEETING

1. Approval of Agenda
2. Approval of Membership Applications
3. Visitors & Members
4. Manager
 - a. Meter Pad Coverage
 - b. Crawl space vents
 - c. Phase I closeout
5. Committees
6. President
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THRU APRIL 30

GENERAL FUND DRIVE

Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad, Inc.

On March 26, 1983, the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad will begin its Annual General Fund Drive. We urge all citizens to participate in helping raise the needed Funds to provide efficient service to the community.

APRIL IS GENERAL FUND DRIVE MONTH. Become a Card-Carrying member of the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad Ambulance Club. Your donations show that you care; and are ALSO TAX DEDUCTIBLE.

On Saturday, April 23, in conjunction with the General Fund Drive, the Red Cross BLOODMOBILE will visit the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Every resident of the City of Greenbelt, who successfully donates a pint of blood will be given a Gold Ambulance Club Card.

Should you have any questions concerning the Fund Drive, Department, or the Bloodmobile, please stop by or call the Fire Department. The number is 345-7000.

Contestant to be Chosen

Nine young ladies will vie, on March 26, for the opportunity to carry the "Miss Greenbelt" banner to the "Miss Maryland Scholarship Pageant" in June and hopefully on to the "Miss America Pageant" in September.

The pageant, which is sponsored by Greenbelt Unit No. 136, of the American Legion Auxiliary, will be held at the Legion Hall beginning at 7:30 p.m. and will feature Lynne Graham, "Miss Maryland 1982."

The nine will compete in interview, gown and swimsuit modeling and talent presentations.

Contestants are Meri Beschner, a pianist from the University of Maryland; Rhonda Dorin, dramatist/dancer; Pam Webster, vocalist, and Janice White, jazz dancer, of Prince Georges Community College; Elizabeth "Boop" Powell, a vocalist employed by El Torito's Restaurant in Greenway Center, Kim Richards, a jazz dancer from Oxon Hill High School; Tammy Schronce, a baton twirler from Bowie High School; Kathie Stoehr, a jazz dancer from High Point High School and Cindy Zubrod, a singer employed by Hamilton/Avnet Electronics in Columbia.

From now until pageant night members of the community will have an opportunity to vote for one of the nine for the title of "Miss Community Service." A small donation to the Prince Georges County Chapter, American Cancer Society, entitles the donor to one vote for one of the contestants. Ballots are available at El Torito's, The Great Factory Store and Greenway Liquors in Greenway Center and Face The Future in the OAO Building.

For pageant ticket information please call 577-3025 or 262-4516.

GHI NOTES

Two meetings are scheduled for GHI next week. The Legislative Committee will meet on Tuesday, March 22 and the GHI Board of Directors will meet on Thursday, March 24. Both meetings will begin at 8 p.m. in the Board Room.

The next date for a free tour of United Buying Service's (UBS) Baltimore furniture showroom is March 24. A light buffet supper is served with the tour. Info: 657-1920.

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representatives as serious drawbacks. The northern end of the parcel lies very close to the lower end of the lake, and the city's representatives are first of all concerned about aesthetic impact on the view from the lake area. Their hope is to persuade the developer to dedicate a buffer strip of land to the city, and to keep construction on the remaining land as unobtrusive as possible.

Noise impact from the Beltway is the second greatest concern. APB members who recently walked over the property believe that the noise level would be almost intolerable in and around any residential units that might be constructed there, unless there were extensive, and expensive, work done to provide noise barriers. Bresler seemed to doubt that it would be economically feasible for him to include such barriers, although on this, as in many other parts of the evening's discussion, he hedged by saying a technical study of the proposal would be needed.

The third major concern is traffic flow. Development of only the northern 19 acres as single-family residential would mean access only from Prince James Way, and a very narrow street within the development. If the 19-acre and 10-acre tracts were to be combined for development purposes, a second entrance — exit route could be opened up via Legion Drive and Lakecrest Drive to Greenbelt Road. However, users of Lakecrest Dr. who now find the situation at the Greenbelt Road intersection very poor, fear that introducing another traffic source there would make the situation impossible.

Other Issues

There are other issues, brought out during the work session, on which council will have to make decisions:

—Single-family housing? Council's position has been that the city has more than enough multiple-family housing units, and that remaining vacant land should be devoted to providing additional single-family detached homes. Council will be forced to reexamine this stand as it re-

lates to Parcel 15 because of the noise and other difficulties associated with that land. Bresler's view is that construction of detached homes would "decimate the land," and APB members seem to agree with him.

—Townhouses? Noise and traffic would still be problems, but the increased development density for Bresler should let him donate a larger buffer area to the city next to the lake. Mike Shepherd of Charlestowne Village Board of Directors (and an APB member) sees the primary interest of his fellow homeowners as being protection of their property values, and to this end the most desirable goal would be no development on Parcel 15. But recognizing the right of a landowner to develop that land, Shepherd also noted that a number of Charlestowne Village owners are ready to move to larger homes and would welcome the availability of larger townhouses nearby.

—Commercial? Bresler showed interest in possible commercial uses for at least part of the southern 10 acres of Parcel 15. Likely forms might be townhouses used as professional office space, or a several-story office building. This would be another way in which Bresler could concentrate profitable construction at the lower end of the parcel, and thus perhaps be able to concede more to the city nearer the lake.

Mayor Gil Weidenfeld reminded the group that the absent Pilski had, at an earlier meeting, stated firm opposition to commercial zoning on any part of the parcel. Such zoning, in Pilski's view, could open the door for fur-

ther rezoning to commercial uses in the area, based on the concept of a "change in the character" of the neighborhood.

—High-rise? At several points Bresler suggested that "another Charlestowne North" high-rise apartment building somewhere on Parcel 15 might be a way to achieve concentrated development. He spoke of the success of Charlestowne North over the years as measured in continued high occupancy rate. He also contended that such a structure placed on the lower land west of the Legion would not be excessively obtrusive.

Both Weidenfeld and Councilman Edward Putens voiced opposition to high-rise construction, but Werner Neupert of Lakeside Citizens Association Board of Directors said that a Charlestowne North-type building somewhere in Parcel 15 but not in view from the lake might be a desirable use for the land.

—Elderly housing? Bresler eventually said that it would not be economically feasible in the current market to put up a high-rise rental unit, unless it were done as subsidized high-rise housing for the elderly. He said he did not know whether such a use would be marketable in Greenbelt, whereupon City Manager James Giese remarked that Green Ridge House now has a waiting list of 200 persons for openings under the "Section 8" federal subsidy program. Bresler thought the city might want to consider further the idea of elderly housing use for part of the southern 10 acres, either privately owned or constructed un-

der city or county housing authority financing.

—Consider Parcels 1 and 2 rezoning along with Parcel 15? Parcels 1 and 2? How to react to this suggestion by Bresler may be one of the more difficult decisions for council as it considers further its stand regarding Parcel 15. Although none of the three councilmen present spoke to this concept, APB Chairman Bill Wilkerson said he liked the idea of looking at the three parcels together. He thought it might solve some trade-off problems. Council, on the other hand, last year sharply rebuffed Bresler's wish to rezone Parcels 1 and 2 for increased density in the form of townhouses.

The ultimate question may be, Is Greenbelt now facing another in its series of rezoning battles? It looks very possible. City officials and advisors and citizen groups are presently showing some divergences of views about ways in which Parcel 15 might be developed. But their efforts to reach solutions are still only in the early stages of discussion, and there is already unanimity on one key point: Any construction on this parcel is going to bring new headaches for Greenbelt, and the only hope is to find least - of - the - evils compromises. Bresler, during the work session, left little doubt that he is pushing toward rezoning and development of part or all of Parcel 15; that he would prefer to avoid a rezoning battle; but that if the city wants concessions from him, it is going to have to make concessions in return.

Council has scheduled a further work session on Parcel 15 for Wednesday, March 23.



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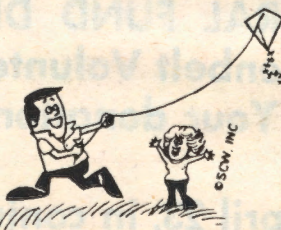
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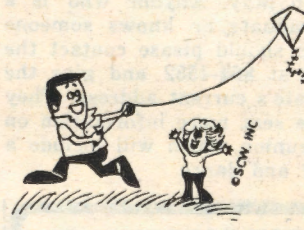
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HISTORY OF PARCEL 15

by Virginia Beauchamp

The issue of rezoning Parcel 15 — the undeveloped section of land which lies between Charlestowne Village and the Beltway — was first introduced in 1961. The owners at that time, H. Glenn Garvin and W. A. Martin, sought a change in zoning that would permit construction of high-rise apartments (48 units per acre). This was one among a package of eight rezoning requests made by the developers for some 360 acres they then owned in Greenbelt.

After strenuous objections by the Advisory Planning Board, the Greenbelt city council, and the Prince Georges County Planning Board of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, the county commissioners (the earlier form of county government operating at that time) denied the request. They did, however, approve a change from the designation of RPC (rural planned community) to R-55, requiring individual homes on 6500-foot lots. R-55 accorded with the zoning plan adopted by the MNCPPC in 1957 for the entire Greenbelt area. In taking this position, the commissioners went on record in favor of overall planning rather than piecemeal zoning.

In May 1962 new owners, Charles Bresler and two partners, Ted N. Lerner and Isadore Gudelsky, took over the property and on May 14, 1963 they filed rezoning petitions for R-30 apartment zoning (10-12 units per acre) for all of the tract except a 5.1-acre section just west of the American Legion and next to Greenbelt Rd. On that parcel they asked for commercial zoning. However, the owners did not press for immediate action.

School Site?

In the meantime the county school board became interested in using the southernmost section next to Greenbelt Rd. for an elementary school. Simultaneously the school board was considering a site off Northway extended near the old sanitary landfill for a senior high school, a proposal which met with much disfavor from Greenbelt citizens because of the impact of traffic on the narrow residential street (Ridge Rd.) which would give access to the property. Greenbelters recommended Parcel 15, with easy access to a major highway and its attractive proximity to the lake park as a better location. In December 1964 the school board instituted condemnation proceedings to acquire Parcel 15.

Throughout the first half of 1965, attempts by the school board staff to reach an agreement with Bresler (who represented the owners) regarding the acquisition of the land proved unsuccessful. Finally, in June 1965, the city council was told that Bresler would agree to sell parcel 15 to the school board at a mutually-agreed upon price, provided the city council offered no opposition to higher-density zoning for parcels 1 and 2 — land also owned by Bresler and associates.

(The News Review's report of citizen testimony in a council meeting over this issue later became the major exhibit in a libel suit filed against the paper by developer Bresler. After losing at both the Circuit Court and Appellate Court levels in Maryland, the News Review appealed the decisions to the Supreme Court, which unanimously reversed the lower court decisions.)

In October 1965, the city council turned down this proposal. Bresler offered to the school board 60 acres of land on parcel 2 near the Baltimore-Washington Parkway for a three-school complex, including an elementary school (which had been scheduled for the parcel 15 site).

The city council, local PTA's, Greenbelt Homes, Inc. and Citizens for a Planned Greenbelt vigorously objected to this site for a senior high school because of its expected adverse impact on local traffic conditions and its disruptive effects on the Master Plans for this area. Instead they reiterated support for the parcel 15 site.

On March 24, 1966, the school board made a final decision to purchase 60 acres on parcel 2 for a 3-school complex. The condemnation suit for parcel 15, which had been scheduled for April 7, 1966, was dismissed.

An additional 10 acres of parcel 1 was purchased by the school board in 1969, plans were drawn up and construction was imminent, but the schools were never built. The school board staff had encountered serious problems with sewage hook-up, road access and positioning of the three schools. The long, hard battle by Greenbelt's organizations, Save Our Community Committee, citizens and city council joined by state officials had succeeded. Finally, on February 9, 1971, the Board of Education approved purchase of 40 acres east of the Baltimore-Washington Parkway for the new Eleanor Roosevelt High School.

More Apartment Zoning?

In the summer of 1966 the owners of Parcel 15 requested R-18 zoning (apartments, 20 units per acre) for all of the tract except the 5 acres for which C-1 zoning had earlier been requested. Again the city objected. This newspaper editorialized that the developer's petition for high-density apartment zoning, which was based on proximity to the adjacent high-density development on the Charlestowne Village tract, failed to note that that development had been accomplished by the petitioner's disregard of covenants he had earlier signed with the county. These covenants were designed to hold down density in consistency with the original Greenbelt concept of a residential planned community. At that time the county commissioners sustained the city's objection and denied the petition.

Indoor Tennis?

In September 1970 the city acquired just under three acres of the Parcel 15 tract to complete the pedestrian walkway around the lake and extend the lake park. Then exactly two years later council turned down a plan by the Lancer Corporation to build an indoor tennis facility on 4.5 acres of Parcel 15. Council members feared that such a facility would open the door to other commercial ventures on the property. From time to time the possibility has also been raised by the developer to build a motel on the southern section of the land adjacent to Greenbelt Rd. and next to the American Legion.

Current Plans

In 1978 three drawings were presented by the developers for proposed layout of streets, parking lots and placement of buildings on the most northern section of the tract, approximately 19 acres. One sketch called for R-80 zoning (three units per acre), with 46 single family homes arranged around four cul-de-sacs. The second and third sketches called for R-U zoning (comprehensive design for residential-urban, allowing for 8-12 units per acre and permitting construction of townhouses and apartments).

Without taking a position on which proposal to endorse, council reaffirmed its feeling that free standing detached homes would be the preferable use for the property.

Saving Trees

The developers and the city agreed in the rerouting of a 96" water main through the property. Part of a WSSC project for a 24-mile bi-county main connecting the Potomac Plant on River Rd. in Bethesda with a terminus near Central Ave in southern Prince Georges County, the main was originally planned to lie adjacent to the Beltway. The city and the owners of the property, however, successfully protested this placement, which would have required removal of many fine trees which form a buffer between the heavily traveled highway and the projected residential development.

Construction of the water main, now completed, was moved some distance east of the original proposed location. A future roadway providing access to residences on the tract will probably be built above this water main.

Against this background of 22 years of discussion about the development of this land, the city council convened a work session on February 23 to review proposals by the developers and by its Advisory Planning Board. (Story on page one.)

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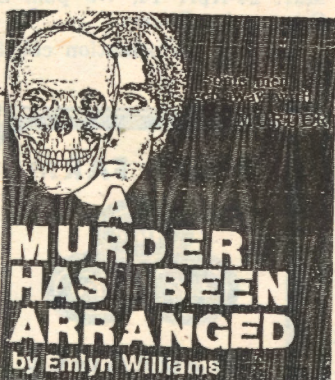
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The parks crew has been removing brush along the pathway for the Gladys Noon Spellman Overpass. Roadside debris was picked up in Springhill Lake.

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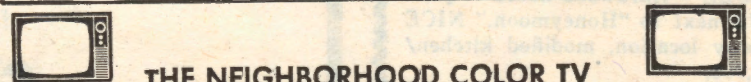
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Recreation Review

Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation Classes

Spring CPR classes will be held April 12 and 13 and April 19 and 20. Hours are from 7 to 10:30 p.m., on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, at the Greenbelt Youth Center. To pre-register, call the Recreation Department Business Office weekdays, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., 474-6878.

Discount Amusement Park Tickets Available

Tickets will be available at the Greenbelt Recreation Department Business Office on Wednesday, March 30, for Kings Dominion, Hershey Park, Great Adventure and Wild World. These tickets allow unlimited use of all rides and attractions at each park during the 1983 season. This special discount program is sponsored for the benefit of the Maryland Recreation and Parks Association to continue its efforts in improving conservation, parks and recreation in Maryland.

Men's Basketball League Playoffs

The post season tournament, for the Men's Basketball League, will be held Sunday thru Tuesday, March 12-22, at the Greenbelt Youth Center. Action begins Sunday at 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. on Monday and Tuesday.

Volleyball—Competitive and Recreational

Co-recreational volleyball, both competitive and recreational, is played at the Center School Gymnasium. Competitive games are scheduled on Monday evening with recreational play on Wednesday evenings. Both are from 8:30 to 10:30 p.m. Everyone, age 16 years and over, is welcome. In the event that the County schools are closed, the program will be cancelled.

Roller Skating

Archival Internships

The Maryland Hall of Records Commission has announced openings for seven positions for its Summer Archival Internship Program at the State Archives in Annapolis. The ten-week internships carry a stipend of \$1,375. Candidates should be interested in archival work and (2) must be currently enrolled graduate students or advanced undergraduates who have received all or part of their education at Maryland institutions or who are Maryland residents attending an out-of-state college or university. Finalists will be interviewed in mid-April.

For applications write to the Hall of Records, P.O. Box 828, Annapolis, Maryland 21404, or call 269-3915. Application deadline is April 8.

Green Proposes Group To Monitor Development

State Senator Leo Green has proposed to Prince Georges County Executive Parris Glendening that a committee be established to discuss and monitor development activities in the 23rd Legislative District.

The committee would be inter-governmental, and include Councilman Richard Castaldi of Greenbelt, city officials from Greenbelt and Bowie, appropriate county staff in the areas of planning and development, and the state legislative delegation to Annapolis.

Green suggests that items for committee discussion include commercial development in the Greenbelt area, the future of the Patuxent Wildlife Research Center, the Prince Georges Inter-County Connector, Foreign Trade Zones, and other matters that become timely.

At the Library

Wednesday, March 23

Advanced Babysitting, 7-8:30 p.m. For ages 14 and up and those with a certificate from a previous Babysitting Course.

PUBLIC HANGING

Learn the art of hanging wall-paper on Wednesday, March 30, at 7:30 p.m. This informative class will be held at Will's Home Decorating Center, 10508 Baltimore Blvd., Beltsville. For further information and reservations, please call 937-3733.

To Sign Up for T-Ball

The St. Hugh's C.Y.O. and the Greenbelt Little League are sponsoring the T-Ball League this year. Boys and girls in grades 1, 2, and 3 interested in playing T-Ball this spring are encouraged to sign up.

T-Ball follows most of the basic rules of baseball. Fundamental skills are taught by the coaches. The batter hits the hardball off a stationary stand which can be adjusted to the player's height.

Parents interested in having their child play T-Ball can contact Paul Klem at 474-1922 or Deana James at 345-6232.

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Annual Meeting

March 23

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Library Meeting Room



AGENDA

1. Old Business: Big Six Wheel
2. New Business: Film Purchase, Bylaw Revisions
3. Treasurer's Report
4. Election of Steering Committee

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Greenbelt Nursery School Planning Fall Kindergarten

Greenbelt Nursery School is planning to start a kindergarten class in September. Anyone interested in the kindergarten or pre-school program is invited to attend "open house" at the school on Saturday, March 19, between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.

For further information, please call Rina Hull (474-2852) or the school. (474-5570).

Info Available on County Boards and Committees

County Councilman Richard J. Castaldi would like citizens to know that there are still several county boards and advisory committees which have vacancies. Anyone who would like a complete list of the committees, or would like additional information on making application, should please call his office at 952-3094.



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